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SUBJECT: (U) KUDOS FOR GUINEA-BISSAU REPORTING (C-AL9-00582)

REF: A. DAKAR 000263

¶B. DAKAR 000285

¶C. DAKAR 000286

1D. DAKAR 000275

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11. (C) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS COMMEND POST FOR REGULAR UPDATES REGARDING THE CRISIS IN GUINEA BISSAU AFTER THE DOUBLE MURDERS OF THE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF THE ARMED FORCES. POST ANTICIPATED OUR QUESTIONS AND RESPONDED QUICKLY WITH THE BEST INFORMATION POSSIBLE GIVEN THE RAPIDLY SHIFTING POLITICAL SITUATION. ANALYSTS FOUND DAKAR 000286, WHICH PROVIDED A PROFILE OF INTERIM PRESIDENT PEREIRA, ESPECIALLY INFORMATIVE. ANALYSTS WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON ANY OF THE POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES (INCLUDING HENRIQUE ROSA), AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

AS TIME AND RESOURCES ALLOW, RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC OUESTIONS/TOPICS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED:

- <u>1</u>A. (C) WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS
- 1B. (C) ANY INDICATIONS OF INFIGHTING OR REALIGNMENTS WITHIN MILITARY LEADERSHIP
- 1C. (C) WHY PRESIDENT PEREIRA HAS NOT NAMED A NEW CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
- 1D. (C) PREPARATIONS, FUNDING REQUIREMENTS, AND DONOR SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
- 1) (C) WHAT SPECIFIC TASKS NEED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED TO HOLD THE ELECTION WITHIN 60 DAYS?
- 2) (C) WHERE DOES THE 4 MILLION EURO ESTIMATE FOR ELECTIONS (SEE IIR 6 879 0095 09) COME FROM?
- 3) (C) WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD OF MEETING THE TARGET DATE? WHAT HAPPENS IF THE DATE IS MISSED?
- 12. (U) PLEASE CITE C-AL9-00582 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.

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